THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) to (c) The Declaration on Principles for Relations and Comprehensive Cooperation signed by the Prime Minister of India and the Premier of the State Council of China on June 23, 2003, *inter alia*, states, "The two sides recognised the threat posed by terrorism to them and to global peace and security. They resolutely condemned terrorism in any form. The struggle between the international community and global terrorism is a comprehensive and sustained one, with the ultimate objective of eradication of terrorism in all regions. this requires strenthening the global legal framework against terrorism. Both sides shall also promote cooperationon counter-terrorism through their bilateral dialogue mechanism."

Supply of nuclear material by China to Pakistan

479. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have raised the question of the alleged supply of nuclear material by China to Pakistan during the recent visit of Prime Minister to that country;

(b) if so, the response thereto; and

(c) whether any proposals were considered for nuclear cooperation with China During the talks; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) No Sir,

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

Problems faced by haj pilgrims from Rajasthan

480. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to lackadaisical attitutde of the Central Haj Committee hundreds of pilgrims from Rajasthan who had gone for Haj this year are facing problems in getting the refund of the amount

deposited by them earlier for residential arrangements in Mecca in Saudi Arabia;

(b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the total amount involved for reimbursement;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) the action contemplated by Government for expeditious settlement of the dues?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA): (a) No. As per the records of the Haj Committee of India, no admissible refund on account of accommodation in Mecca is pending in respect of any Haj pilgrim of 2003 from Rajasthan.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposal for a military field hospital in Iraq

481. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to set up a 300-bed military field hospital in Iraq;

(b) if so, what would be the strength and composition of the Army Personnel deployed for manning the project;

(c) whether it would be a joint venture with Jordan;

(d) if so, the terms and conditions, including revenue aspects, of this venture;

(e) whether the proposed Iraq Hospital Project would be under the overall supervision of the USA led forces in Iraq; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard?